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SUBJECT: CSCE DISCUSSIONS WITH HUNGARIANS

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1. ACCOMPANIED BY SUBSTANTIVE OFFICERS OF EMBASSY STAFF
(POL, ECON, COMM, PAO, DAO, CONS) CHARGE MET MARCH 31 WITH
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER JANOS NAGY TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS
MADE BY BOTH U.S. AND HUNGARIAN SIDES RE IMPLEMENTATION HELSINKI
FINAL ACT. NAGY WAS FLANKED BY ENDRE POLGAR, CULTURAL AFFAIRS
INSTITUTE; AMBASSADOR BARTHA, KISS AND REVESZ FROM U.S. SECTION
OF FONOFF; CONSULAR DEPARTMENT HEAD GRESZNARYK; PETRAN OF FONOFF
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY SECTION; ANDHBY NYERGES, FOREIGN TRADE
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MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR TARIFF POLICY AND
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. MEETING WHICH DELVED INTO
ISSUES IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL LASTED SLIGHTLY LESS THAN
FOUR HOURS.

2. AT NAGY'S INVITATION AMERICAN SIDE SPOKE FIRST. IN
OPENING GENERAL REMARKS CHARGE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH

INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED IN REFTELS, EMPHASIZED THAT MEETING WAS PART OF NORMAL DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES ON CSCE AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT, WHILE WE HOPED TO FACILITATE FURTHER PROGRESS THROUGH SUCH MEETINGS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION, MANY CSCE PROPOSALS COULD BE CARRIED OUT UNILATERALLY. HE WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON HUNGARIAN PROPOSALS, UNDERSCORED IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF FINAL ACT PRIOR TO FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS AT BELGRADE THIS SUMMER, AND LAUDED EXCHANGES OF HIGH-RANKING VISITORS AND PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING CONTACTS AT EMBASSY LEVEL. HE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH HUNGARIAN PROPOSALS TO EXPAND CONTACTS WITH MFA AND MORE GENERALLY AT ALL LEVELS OF TWO GOVERNMENTS. AFTER INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT CHARGE CALLED ON EACH OF EMBASSY OFFICERS IN TURN TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS RELEVANT TO THEIR AREAS OF COMPETENCE. HUNGARIANS IN TURN FOLLOWED SIMILAR PROCEDURE.

3. TALKS TOOK PLACE IN CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE, HOPEFULLY CONTRIBUTING TO FURTHER PRACTICAL MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO FACILITATE VISA ISSUANCE AND TO DEVELOP U.S.- HUNGARIAN CULTURAL COOPERATION. HUNGARIANS WERE SOMEWHAT WARY DUE TO UNCERTAINTY IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS BUT APPARENTLY WISH TO CONTINUE CURRENT FAVORABLE MOMENTUM IN U.S.- HUNGARIAN RELATIONS. IN MILITARY SPHERE GOH WAS CAREFUL TO PROMISE NOTHING BUT GAVE SOME EVIDENCE OF A WILLINGNESS TO AT LEAST CONSIDER IMPROVING PARTICIPATION IN FINAL ACT'S CBMS (EARLIER NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS, ACCEPTING INVITATIONS TO VISIT AS OBSERVERS TO U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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MANUEVERS). ALTHOUGH DECLARING THAT TIME IS NOT YET "RIPE" NAGY DID NOT REJECT FOREVER POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGE OF MILITARY VISITS WITH U.S. IF INVITATION SHOULD BE FOR HUNGARIANS TO VISIT AMERICAN UNITS IN U.S. RATHER THAN FRG.

4. NAGY WAS NOT LONG ON GENERAL COMMENTS BUT MADE PROPER OBEISANCE TO NEED FOR PROGRESS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGED IMPROVING TREND IN HUNGARIAN-U.S. RELATIONS WHICH HAD BROUGHT TWO DELEGATIONS TO TABLE TO DISCUSS SUCH PROPOSALS AS MILITARY ONES WHICH HAD BEEN TABOO IN PAST. HE ALSO ACCEPTED NEED FOR AND VALUE OF EXPANDED CONTACTS THROUGH VISITS AND AT EMBASSY-MFA LEVEL. NAGY SEEMED THROUGHOUT INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING FURTHER SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO IMPLEMENT FINAL ACT AND TO NOT CONFINE IMPORTANCE OF SESSION TO EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. AT CLOSE OF MEETING HE SAID MFA WOULD MAKE CATALOGUE OF ISSUES WHERE ATTEMPTS TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS SHOULD BE MADE AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH REQUIRED

ADDITIONAL STUDY.

5. U.S. SIDE MADE CLEAR AT OUTSET THAT WE DID NOT WISH TO ENTER INTO OVERALL BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FINAL ACT. POLOFF STATED THAT WHERE APPROPRIATE AGREEMENTS SUCH AS CULTURAL AGREEMENT MIGHT REFER TO FINAL ACT AS HUNGARIANS HAD SUGGESTED. AT CLOSE OF MEETING, NAGY NOTED WE DID NOT MENTION THROUGHOUT ENTIRE MEETING HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL TO SET UP COMMITTEES OF EXPERTS AND SAID HE AWARE U.S. DESIRE NOT TO PROCEED IN SUCH A MANNER. HE THEREFORE HAD NOT RAISED THIS POINT. HE ALSO SAID GOH DID NOT WANT TO "DUPLICATE" FINAL ACT IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

6. ECONOMIC PORTION OF EXCHANGES WITH MFA AND GOH ATTITUDE ON GATT REPORTED SEPTELS. FULL DETAILS OF EXCHANGE WITH FONOFF FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM. CONFIDENTIAL

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